

Simpson Strong-Tie Hosts Fellowship for Scholarship Recipients

Simpson Strong-Tie® hosted 32 Simpson Strong-Tie Student Scholarship Program award recipients as part of its recently established fellowship program. Scholarships were awarded to juniors and seniors for the 2019-2020 academic year. To be eligible, students had to be enrolled full-time in civil or structural engineering, architecture, or construction management programs at one of 93 participating schools.

The fellowship is a 3-day event in northern California that brings together scholarship recipients to network with each other, industry professionals, and Simpson Strong-Tie executives. In addition to touring the company's headquarters along with its Tye Gilb Research Laboratory, a structural engineering lab, this year's participants visited one of the company's production facilities to view its manufacturing processes, technologies, and robotics; participated in hands-on installations and demos using Simpson Strong-Tie products; and visited a local jobsite to observe the products in use.

The Simpson Strong-Tie Student Scholarship Program was established in 1998. Since then, it has awarded more than 850 scholarships to students, providing more than \$1.2 million in support. The fellowship program was established in 2016 to provide scholarship awardees insights into the building industry.



High Concrete Group Revitalizes Pennsylvania Campus

High Concrete Group LLC broke ground on a major revitalization of its precast concrete production facilities at its Denver, PA, headquarters. This investment in new equipment, processes, and construction will completely overhaul operations on its 148 acre (60 ha) Pennsylvania campus in a bid to extend the company's growing presence and influence in the world of architectural precast concrete. The project is scheduled for completion in mid-2020 at a cost of

approximately \$8 million and is expected to result in 50 to 70 new jobs.

High Concrete Group's products include architectural façades, insulated and structural enclosure systems, parking structures, stadiums, and other precast structures for commercial, institutional, and multiunit residential applications. Recent examples of High's architectural work include the new Statue of Liberty Museum, which opened in May 2019, and the award-winning 1200 Intrepid office building in the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

HARDCORE Concrete Opens New South Carolina Office

HARDCORE Concrete, a Georgia-based company offering concrete cutting and coring services, announced the official opening of its new Charleston, SC, operations office. HARDCORE serves a wide variety of commercial, institutional, and industrial customers, providing sawing, coring, grinding, removal, and ground-penetrating radar (GPR) scanning services. The Charleston office serves as a natural market expansion as HARDCORE has worked for many contractors in the area over the years. Kevin Gray, Regional Manager of the Charleston office, will lead the operations team.

RENOLIT Establishes a New Joint Venture in India

RENOLIT established a new joint venture in India with the aim of further expanding its production of geomembranes for the construction and civil engineering sectors. RENOLIT officially signed the contract on July 11, 2019, together with the Indian trading partner RMG POLYVINYL INDIA LTD. The joint venture's name, RENOLIT RMG INDIA PVT. LTD, will be added to the Indian commercial register. Until this joint venture, RENOLIT's sealing membranes, which are used in such applications as tunneling work or for the sealing of building foundations, were produced only in Spain, but a production location can now be added in India. The new facility will be built at the present RENOLIT sales location in Pune.

Microsol Resources Expands to West Coast

Microsol Resources Corporation, an Autodesk Platinum Partner, announced the expansion of its operations to the West Coast. Recognizing high demand within the region's architectural, engineering, and construction (AEC) community for a support-driven partner focused on the successful implementation of CAD and BIM tools, the company is offering its software and services solutions out of its new office in Seattle, WA. Lynn Shultz, an Account

Executive with 10 years of experience and industry knowledge, will lead the effort.

Minnich Manufacturing Adds Farrell Equipment & Supply Co. to Dealer Network

Minnich Manufacturing, a manufacturer of concrete dowel pin drills, concrete vibrators, and vibrator monitoring systems, added Farrell Equipment & Supply Co. to its dealer network in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Farrell Equipment & Supply Co. is a family-owned company that has been a provider of construction equipment, tools, and supplies for over 50 years. Farrell comprises seven locations, and each location now carries the Minnich Stinger electric flex shaft concrete vibrator. Farrell will also have access and authority to sell all other Minnich products.

Topcon Receives John Deere Supplier Innovation Award

Topcon Positioning Systems was selected as a recipient of the John Deere Innovation award for 2018. This award is part of Deere & Company's Achieving Excellence program. Innovation award selections are based on four factors: creativity, feasibility, collaboration, and bottom-line impact. Topcon, based in Livermore, CA, received the honor for demonstrating innovation in the development of the SmartGrade™ mastless grade control system for John Deere motor graders. Sam Negasc, Topcon Director of Quality Assurance, along with Rhondy Rahardja, Nick Petrosov, and Irfan Usman from Topcon, accepted the recognition during formal ceremonies held in Bettendorf, IA.

Walter P Moore Opens New Office in Toronto

International engineering firm Walter P Moore opened its fifth international and third Canadian office. The office is in Toronto, ON, and officially opened on August 15, 2019. Maziyar Bolour was appointed to lead the firm's Diagnostics Group, which encompasses forensic analysis, renovation/restoration, building enclosure, building sciences, and parking restoration. Bolour joins the firm with more than 22 years of global engineering experience, with a strong focus on the building envelope and building sciences. He is joined by two Diagnostics colleagues: Ping Mu, Associate and Graduate Building Enclosure Consultant, and Weijie Liu, Graduate Engineer.

Elcometer Hits 500,000 YouTube Views

Elcometer, a manufacturer of inspection and blasting equipment, reached over half a million views on their YouTube channel. Created in 2014, the Official Elcometer Channel has a full range of technical training videos to help Elcometer

users learn how to use the company's equipment, understand how to work toward different international standards, and watch products being put to the test. The channel's videos cover topics such as dry film thickness inspection, adhesion testing, low-voltage pinhole and high-voltage porosity inspection, ultrasonic nondestructive testing (NDT), and Elcometer's new range of abrasive blast equipment.

CEMEX USA Bay Area Concrete Plants Earn ISO 14001 Certification

CEMEX USA announced that nine of its ready mixed concrete plants in the San Francisco Bay Area of northern California earned the ISO 14001:2015 Certification for their environmental management systems (EMS), making the plants the first CEMEX ready mixed operations in the United States to achieve the designation. The plants are in Berkeley, Concord, Oakland, Pleasanton, San Carlos, San Francisco, San Jose, Union City, and Santa Clara, CA. Each received certification after Lloyd's Register, an accredited third-party organization, audited CEMEX USA's West Region management system at corporate and site level, verifying it conforms to the ISO standard. CEMEX USA's Livermore, CA, office also earned the certification.

The International Organization of Standardization (ISO) developed ISO 14001:2015 as a standard of processes for organizations to use when setting up, improving, or maintaining their environmental management systems to follow established environmental policies and requirements. The guidelines are designed to help organizations improve efficiency, reduce waste, improve overall environmental impact, and manage environmental obligations.

C&W Expands Executive Team

C&W Environmental Solutions, a dust collection and air pollution control manufacturing company, announced the promotion of Steve Duncan to Chief Operating Officer. In this new role, Duncan will continue to manage the company's operations, as well as assume a greater role in the management of the business through administrative oversight, new product development, and strategic planning and execution. The strategic plan includes significant upgrades to the company's manufacturing capabilities to enhance productivity and better position C&W to enter new markets; and Duncan will manage the capital expenditure plan.

The company simultaneously announced that Bill Werra joined C&W as Chief Growth Officer and a member of the executive leadership team. This newly created position aligns sales and marketing with product and business development to deliver value to C&W customers and expand the company's reach into new markets.